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Doug Bosco
Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I fully support the Port San Luis Marine Institute request for \$120,000 in funding from the Coastal Conservancy for the construction and installation of educational marine and historic displays.

This funding would improve on the Institute's success of establishing a top-notch marine educational research and learning facility, important to the community of Avila Beach. Conservancy funds would be directed specifically to the center's displays and would provide visitors with an interactive learning experience, detailing the ecosystems, history and importance of California's Central Coast.

Port San Luis Marine Institute serves children in grades K-12 and has created its own place in the community as a destination field trip for many schools. Again, I fully support the Institute's funding request, consistent with all relevant rules and regulations. Thank you for your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

LOIS CAPPS
Member of Congress

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JERRY LENTHALL
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT THREE

February 15, 2005

Doug Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I would like to express my support for the Port San Luis Marine Institute. I hope the Coastal Conservancy will consider their request for \$120,000 in grant funds. This money will be used for educational displays in their new museum and community center located in Avila Beach. The interactive, multi-dimensional exhibits planned for the Institute are heavily dependent on this funding to create and enhance positive experiences for the community.

The Institute was established in February of 1998 and has since become a field trip destination for many students and youth organizations. Focusing on marine science education, the Marine Institute has a hands-on approach that creates quite a memorable and important learning experience for children, teachers and parents of the Central Coast. Throughout the years, the Marine Institute has gained many supporters in the Avila Beach community and all over the Central Coast. I am grateful for the Conservancy's support of the Port San Luis Marine Institute and hope that you will choose to continue to be a part of this wonderful project.

Thank you for your consideration of the Port San Luis Marine Institute's request for grant funds. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

JERRY LENTHALL
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KHATCHIK H. "KATCHO" ACHADJIAN
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT FOUR

February 15, 2005

Doug Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I fully support the request from the Port San Luis Marine Institute (PSLMI) for \$120,000 in grant funds to fabricate and install marine education displays in the Avila Beach Marine Research and Education Center. This funding will be critical to the Institute's efforts to establish a first-class community-based marine science research and education facility along the Avila Beach waterfront here in San Luis Obispo County. With your support, Conservancy funds will be directed specifically to the fabrication and installation of the center's educational displays that will provide visitors with a dynamic, interactive marine educational experience.

Since 1998, the Institute has offered interactive learning programs in the fields of marine biology and oceanography to school groups throughout San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara Counties, and has developed strong relationships with local officials, non-profit organizations, school districts and businesses throughout the region that have become actively involved in supporting the Institute's ongoing marine education programs.

Thank you for your consideration of the PSLMI request for grant funds. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

KHATCHIK H. "KATCHO" ACHADJIAN
Supervisor District Four